

In the specification, please replace the paragraph that begins on page 2, line 1 with the following paragraph:

An ink heater 120 melts the ink by raising the temperature of the ink sufficiently above its "freezing point." The liquefied ink is supplied to a group of print heads 130 by gravity, pump action, or both. In accordance with the image to be reproduced, and under the control of a printer controller 180 ~~(not shown)~~, a rotating print drum 140 receives ink dots ~~[[f]]~~ representing the image pixels to be transferred to printing stock 170 from a sheet feeder 160. To facilitate the image transfer process, a pressure roller 150 presses the printing stock 170 against the print drum 140, whereby the ink is transferred from the print drum to the printing stock. The temperature of the ink can be carefully regulated so that the ink solidifies just after the image transfer.

In the specification, please replace the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 19 with the following paragraph:

The novel solid ink supply container 211 incorporates the following functions inside of a housing 212: solid ink storage, supply and refill; automatic ink level sensing; heating the solid ink to liquefy it prior to exiting the container; filtering the ink as needed; storing printer operation information transmitted to the container; and supplying container status information to the printer. Solid ink blocks or cylinders can be loaded into the container by removing a top 213. Other forms of solid ink would also be compatible with the present inventive supply container system, such as ink in powder or pellet form. The top has a

spring-loaded ram (elements 214 and 215) used to apply pressure to an ink block when it is placed in a chamber 217 against a porous floor, for example, and the top is engaged. In the preferred embodiment, a rheostat 216 attached to the ram automatically determines the ink level, although those skilled in the art will appreciate that other approaches can be used for automatic ink level sensing, including sensing only when the volume level is low or spent.